



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **San Diego Police Department**

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**Date: November 20, 2010 (Saturday)**

**Time: 0915 Hours**

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### **POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH IN TIERRASANTA NEIGHBORHOOD**

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a 16-year-old girl inside a Tierrasanta apartment last night.

At 1:22 a.m., police officers and paramedics were dispatched to a report of death at an apartment in the 5100 block of Via Valarta. When they arrived, they found the victim in the living room of the apartment. Paramedics attempted lifesaving measures and transported the girl to a trauma center, but she died at 2:34 a.m.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that the decedent and a 16-year-old girlfriend were visiting two males (ages 18 and 19), using the complex' jacuzzi and one of the males' apartment. The victim and one of the males went to the apartment for only a few minutes before the male returned and said the female was in medical distress. Although the victim showed no signs of external trauma, her age, lack of medical history, and circumstances of her death warranted an investigation by the Homicide Unit.

The cause and manner of the victim's death are undetermined. An autopsy has been scheduled for tomorrow morning. The victim's name will not be released pending complete family notification.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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